Working children in Gujarat

1928. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of working children in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the welfare measures being extended to them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Authentic information on child labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the State of Gujarat is 5,23,585.

(c) In the year 1995-96, the districts of Panchmahals & Surat in the State of Gujarat were sanctioned Rs. 6,95,000/- each, for carrying out a Survey and Awareness generation activities, against the evils of child labour. Thereafter, two National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) were sanctioned in each district. However, the projects could not be operationalised by the district administrations.

DG Sets in ESI Dispensaries

†1929. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for installing DG sets in five ESI dispensaries at Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Bhopal and Devas were sent to the employees State Insurance Corporation; if so, the reasons for not installing DG sets in the above dispensaries;

(b) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation has received proposals for sanctioning purchase of equipments under Action Plan 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and releasing necessary funds therefor from Madhya Pradesh; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.